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REPLY TO
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Announcement of Army Comptrollership Program (ACP) Class of 2005 for Civilian Employees, Syracuse University (SU), and Follow-On Assignments

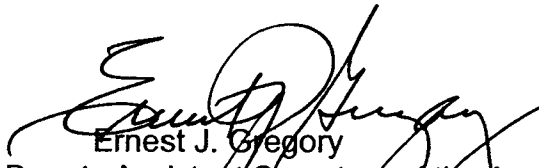
The Army Comptrollership Program is a 14-month course of study delivered in two semesters and two summer sessions addressing Army Comptroller and Financial Management educational needs. The 60-hour graduate curriculum combines business and public administration theories, principles and concepts with Defense and Army resource management processes and practices. ACP is open to Army GS 11-13 employees registered in the Comptroller Civilian Career Program (CP 11) and to those in other career programs whose positions include significant resource management duties. GS-9s in full-performance positions may also be considered. Employees with graduate degrees may be nominated, but it must be shown how their ACP attendance would benefit the Army.

This memorandum provides requirements and procedures for the nomination, selection, attendance and post-training utilization of Army civilian students in the ACP Class of 2005. It supplements guidance in AR 690-950 (Career Management) and the pending OASA(M&RA) FY 04 Catalog of Civilian Training, Education & Professional Development Opportunities. Program details and application instructions are at Attachment 1, and selection criteria and forms for Army nomination packets are at Attachment 2. Most Syracuse University requirements for admission will be completed only by confirmed selectees. ACP starts in June 2004 and ends in August 2005.

Nominations are due October 16, 2003.

Army civilian candidates will be competitively selected during 1st Qtr FY 2004 by a DA central board and placed in follow-on jobs ("operational assignments") before school starts. Candidates must take the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and receive formal test results prior to the application deadline. GMAT scores are valid for five years, and a 500 score is required for admittance.

Assignment to long-term training will normally be on a TDY basis, at up to 55 percent of the per diem rate for Syracuse, NY. TDY begins early in June 2004 and ends the day after ACP graduation in August 2005. For more information, please call DSN 222-7413, (703) 692-7413 or e-mail proponency@hqda.army.mil.


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(Financial Management and Comptroller)

Attachments

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CF: Army Programs Office, Syracuse University
OASA(M&RA) - Central Programs Division

APPLICATION, SELECTION AND REASSIGNMENT PROCEDURES

1. *Army Application* – Submit a complete Army nomination by **October 16, 2003** to:
OASA(FM&C), SAFM-PO
109 Army Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-0109

Telephone Contact: (703) 692-7413 or DSN 222-7413

The Privacy Act statement, nomination selection criteria and the forms for the Army nomination packet are at **Attachment 2**. These forms must be submitted in **one** copy on *unstapled, single-sided* documents (reverse sides blank). Commanders and agency heads should rank candidates in priority order.

2. *Documents for Syracuse University (SU)* – Have college transcripts and GMAT scores sent to SU (school #2823) at the same time they are sent to us in the Army. Candidates should not apply simultaneously to Syracuse University. Careerists selected for ACP will apply only after being formally notified of selection. For related information, contact the SU Army Programs Office, (315) 443-2898, or visit the SU School of Management web site at www.sominfo.syr.edu.

A board of senior Army resource managers will evaluate Army nominations, interview candidates and propose a selection list for approval by the CP 11 Functional Chief Representative. **Approved candidates will be offered training at SU with *same-grade reassignment* to a new position anywhere in the Army, in the same or a different job series at either their current duty location or a different one.** Candidates must accept both the long-term training (i.e., ACP) and the new job assignment prior to admittance into the program. Candidates, supervisors and commanders have important roles in identifying, defining and recommending operational assignments in the application process, including completion of the Operational Assignment Form (Attachment 2, Tab C) and letters of endorsement at all levels.

Army civilian ACP selectees will be reassigned by Notification of Personnel Action, SF 50, to their accepted operational assignments, with an effective report date in May 2004, **before** the SU ACP orientation in June. Unless an operational assignment is overseas, the ACP selectee will report for in-processing at the civilian personnel advisory center (CPAC) servicing the new activity and sign a transportation agreement extending one year beyond ACP graduation. The CPAC will issue orders assigning the selectee to long-term training (LTT) and out-process the selectee for SU. During out-processing, the new ACP student will sign an agreement committing to continue in DoD employment upon graduation for three times the length of the training (i.e., 42 months) and will also sign an agreement covering contingencies in the event of failure to complete ACP.

ATTACHMENT 1

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires each individual who is asked to volunteer, or is required to furnish personal information, or about whom personal information will be furnished, to be advised of the following:

Authority. Chapter 41, Title 5, United States Code.

Principal Purpose. To provide information to Department of the Army officials for use in assessing personal skills, knowledge and abilities needed to support proposed training assignments and in making selections for post-training assignments for civilian employees.

Routine Uses. Information to be furnished by or about civilian employees nominated by employing activity for official assignment to the Army Comptrollership Program will be used by Department of the Army officials to process approval of proposed assignments.

Mandatory or Voluntary Disclosure and Effect on Employee when Information is Not Provided. Disclosure by or about a civilian employee of personal information requested for nomination to the Army Comptrollership Program such as position title, series and grade, annual salary and employment history is mandatory. Nondisclosure of information may prevent Department of the Army officials from giving employees full consideration for resources requested from Department of the Army to support proposed assignments.

ATTACHMENT 2

CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AND SELECTION

ACP seeks to develop competencies in Economics, Accounting, Finance, Management Information Systems, Human Resources, Marketing, Operational Management, Ethics, Data Analysis, Business Strategy, Dispute Resolution, Public Entrepreneurship and Budgeting, and Administrative and Business Law. ACP classes address U.S. national defense policy, contracting and activity-based costing. Two seminars in Army/ Defense Comptrollership link academic experience with students' own practical exposure to field resource management in the dynamic Defense environment. Students graduate with Master of Business Administration and Master of Arts in Public Administration degrees.

To be considered, a civilian ACP candidate should (1) have, by the time classes start: (a) a "Secret" security clearance, (b) three years professional (GS-9 and above) Government civilian or military resource management experience, and (c) five years total Government service; (2) be in grade GS 11-13 when applying; and (3) be in a position covered by (a) the Comptroller Civilian Career program (CP 11), (b) any other career program (e.g., CP 13, Supply Management; CPs 16 and 18, Engineering and Science; CP 26, Manpower and Force Management; CP 34, Information Technology) that includes significant resource management duties, and/or (c) Acquisition workforce position category K (Business, Cost Estimating and Financial Management).

University Requirements. A foundation in mathematical and accounting skills and concepts for the ACP's strong quantitative methods focus is expected and is tested upon students' arrival. Additional courses may be required. Candidates should also be conversant in the operation of personal computers and familiar with basic software application packages related to word processing, spreadsheets, graphics and Microsoft Excel. They should have as well a basic understanding of financial accounting principles.

Evaluation Factors. Evaluation criteria to be applied by the selection board include: career goals, demonstrated breadth of experience, leadership skills, potential for further advancement, and board interview results. These factors will influence ratings against the criteria: (1) the individual's demonstrated performance in a variety of resource management positions; (2) the timeliness of this training program and a reasonable expectation that the acquired knowledge and skills will be utilized upon completion of training; (3) the probability of completion of the program, based on the nominee's GMAT score (500 being the minimum score acceptable to Syracuse University), undergraduate grade point average and any actual experience in graduate course work; and (4) the extent of involvement in self-development activities such as off-duty job-related education/ training and participation in related professional organizations.

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Complete packages for the ACP Class of 2005 will be assembled as shown below. **Send one copy of all pages (single-sided) through the MACOM DCSRM to OASA (FM&C) by October 16, 2003.**

Tab A - Command Endorsements. Strong endorsements from Commands and senior Resource Management officials (command and/or HQDA) that cite recognized work accomplishments are highly desirable. These add significant value to candidates' applications, in the views of past selection board members. Commanders should also rank-order multiple candidates.

Tab B - Nominee's Statement of Interest (accompanying). State short- and long-term career goals; express desire to attend the ACP, including how it would fit in pursuit of career goals; assess how both candidate and the Army would benefit from ACP; acknowledge AR 690-400 training agreement obligations and willingness to remain in the service of DoD for at least 42 months following ACP graduation; state willingness to abide by Syracuse University rules and regulations; describe professional and personal expectations in an operational assignment; and assess ability to fill the required mobility agreement.

Tab C - Operational Assignment Form (accompanying). Candidate will state preferences for work location, job series, and command level. Supervisor will identify and recommend an operational assignment in the same command or agency for the candidate. The form may also be used to describe a command assignment for another ACP candidate.

Tab D - CP 11 Resume Form, Career Employee Record (accompanying), dated and signed.

Tab E - College Transcripts. Two official copies must be sent directly from each school to Syracuse University (concurrently with one to the Army), each showing undergraduate or graduate work.

Tab F - GMAT Score. Candidates must have taken the GMAT after June 1998. A 500 score is required for admittance to Syracuse University. GMAT scores must be available at the time the ACP selection board convenes during 1st Qtr FY 2004. The board reserves the right to further consider candidates below a score of 500, as appropriate. Submit scores of GMAT taken later than June 1998 with nomination packages, and request the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to send the same scores directly to Syracuse University, school code 2823. Otherwise, arrange with ETS to take the GMAT no later than August 2003, with results to be sent both to the candidate and to school code 2823. If GMAT scores have not arrived prior to local deadline for submitting ACP nominations, then do not forget to forward the scores when received. **GMAT scores are due to the University and to HQDA, mailing addresses above, by October 16, 2003.**

Nominees whose GMAT scores are not available when the ACP selection board convenes may not be further considered.

Tab G - SF 181, Race/National Origin Identification. <http://www.opm.gov/forms/html/sf.htm>

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